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Hill Faculty, Loyalty Oaths: Discussion, but Little Concern

by BOB KERR

In the face of a new wave of legal assaults against loyalty oaths by college professors across the country, attention was focused this week on Hamilton faculty members' stance on the issue.

One of the first things required of a new teacher at Hamilton is the signing of a pledge to support the constitution of the state of New York. New York State requires this commitment of all those teaching in public and private institutions.

Winton Tolles

According to Dean Winton Tolles the pledge is presented at the yearly meeting of all new faculty members, and there has been no difficulty in obtaining the signatures. Tolles feels that there is no valid reason why anyone should be opposed to signing the loyalty oath. "Signing the loyalty oath does not violate freedom of speech, and I can't see any reason why anyone should be opposed to it," he said.

More than 40 states have some type of loyalty oath or subversive activity law covering secondary school and college teachers, according to a recent survey by the American Association of University Professors (AAUP).

The New York law is common to most states. It prohibits employment of any person "who is a member of an organization that advocates the overthrow of the government of the United States through force or violence."

Words or Deeds

The law goes still further and bars a person who "writes, advocates, teaches, prints, publishes, organizes, or helps to organize or become a member of any society or group which teaches violent overthrow of the government."

Recently a new wave of legal battles has been launched against state loyalty oaths by teachers across the country. The assault is being led by two test cases in the Supreme Court filed by professors from New York and Maryland.

The two groups leading the present protest are the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU)

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Bookstore Manager Stymies Committee Suggestions, Plans

College bookstore manager Mrs. Ethel Cameron looks over recently received volumes — which, incidentally, are selling quite rapidly.

by MARK FISH

After nearly two months of study by the student bookstore committee of ways to "improve both the quality and quantity" of books in the bookstore, it appears that the student committee and the college bookstore management have come to a virtual impasse.

Mrs. Ethyl T. Cameron, manager of the bookstore, told *The Spectator* this week "the bookstore committee, as far as I am concerned, doesn't exist."

At its conception, the committee anticipated working "in close coordination" with Mrs. Cameron, airing criticisms and offering suggestions for possible improvements in the store. Mrs. Cameron commented, "I have seen a committee member only once. Heaven knows I am as anxious as anyone else to get the proper stock in, but we can't do any more than we do. We just moved into this store last year, and a bookstore is not made overnight."

As part of this study the committee, headed by Senior Class President John Gordon, drew up a student bookstore questionnaire and distributed it to all but the freshman class. "Frankly, parts of the questionnaire were downright stupid," Mrs. Cameron complained. "And it was all done without once consulting me. I knew nothing of the questionnaire until several days after it was distributed. Nor have I been informed as to the results of the poll."

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Sunshine and Rest—

McEwen Leaves for Florida

President and Mrs. Robert W. McEwen will leave College Hill tomorrow for a three or four month stay on Sanibel Island off the west coast of Florida.

The President, still convalescing from his heart attack in March and open heart surgery in August, will fly with his wife, Marjarie, to Jacksonville. From there, they will drive their car some 200 miles to a furnished house they have rented.

For the McEwens, both seasoned travelers, this stay will be the first lengthy time they have spent in Florida. Both prefer Jamaica, where they have vacationed frequently in recent years. However, Sanibel Island, about 70 miles south of Sarasota, should be nearly as warm as the Caribbean isle, and heart specialists will be much closer in the event the President has any unexpected health problems.

After a few months of fishing, sunning, and perhaps a little shell collecting (Anne Morrow Lindbergh's *Gifts From the Sea* was written on the island), the President hopes to be "in good enough condition to drive back to the Hill by the end of March."

What about the future? In an interview this week, the President, looking considerably healthier and stronger than last spring, said that he sometimes envies his successor. "In many ways it is going to be an exciting decade ahead," he noted.

He foresees the necessity for change on the Hill, and as the father of Kirkland College is particularly interested in the evolution of the coordinate college system. But, he adds as he frequently has in the past year, "It is the job for a younger man with fresh ideas and a bold spirit."

Although he has not actively participated in recent developments at Kirkland, the President will continue on as a member of the women's college's Board of Trustees. About other plans for his future, he is silent, except to say that he "still may buy a little

College Rare Book Collection Deteriorates in Storage Room

by WILLIAM CASSELLA

Going through Hamilton's Treasure Room is like exploring an old attic. It's dark and dusty and heaped to the ceiling with most everything imaginable.

And like most old attics, it has treasures that need to be sorted out and salvaged. There are ancient Greek vases in one corner, unopened trunks of Ezra Pound's letters in another. There's a collection of freshmen funny books, ancient Babylonian clay tablets, shelves of doctoral theses, boxes of old papers and photographs, three different editions of *Fanny Hill*, and 5,000 rare books.

Most important, of course, are the rare books—an almost random sampling: The first printed edition of Aristophanes' Comedies printed by Aldus Manutius in 1498; the original edition of Diderot's Encyclopedia printed in 1751 (one sold in 1960 for $700); a first edition of Thoreau's *Walden;* Samuel Kirkland's *Journal,* Dickens' *David Copperfield* in its original parts, the little magazines in which it was first published in serial form.

Reference librarian Juan Freudenthal is concerned about conditions in the Library's 'Treasure Room,' storage area for the College's rare book collection.

The rare books include a couple dozen incunabula — very valuable books printed before 1500, illuminated manuscripts of medieval church music, hundreds of first and autographed editions, and one the most complete collections of Ezra Pound's works in the world. ("We're trying to make the Pound Collection absolutely complete," said Reference Librarian Juan R. Freudenthal).

Referring to the rare book col-

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Zedek, Girl Vow Aid to Florence; Devastation Cited

At least some of the disaster-stricken poor of Florence may have a brighter Christmas this year if Hamilton students contribute clothes to an emergency relief program sponsored by American students in Italy.

Associate Dean Hadley DePuy announced in Tuesday Chapel this week that students who wish to help Florentine indigents recoup some of their losses from the flood which devastated the old world city two weeks ago should bring old clothes to his office in Root Hall.

The garments, which should not have rips or holes in them, will be mailed to Italy shortly after the beginning of the College's Christmas recess, Dec. 17.

Hamilton's involvement in the relief program originates with a girl. Miss Diane Weinberg, a Cornell junior participating in Syracuse University's Semester-in-Italy program, is a friend of Michael Zedek '68. Recently Miss Weinberg asked Zedek if he could arrange for Hamilton to contribute to the program.

The Hill junior worked out the idea of a clothes drive with DePuy and said this week that he hopes the program will be put on the list of charities supported by the Chapel Board's Campus Fund Drive.

According to Zedek, Miss Weinberg reports that world-wide art lovers have rushed to the aid of Florence's museums, damaged during the flood. She says, however, that the poor people of the city, "desperately in need of help," have not received as much aid or attention as the art treasures. The relief program is therefore aimed at supplying some measure of assistance to these people.

News In Brief

CAMPUS FUND DRIVE POSTPONED

The Campus Fund Drive, usually culminated before Thanksgiving vacation, is being postponed this year until the beginning of the second semester, according to an announcement made yesterday by Richard Watson '67, president of the Chapel Board. Watson said that organizational difficulties within the Board had caused the delay. David Roberts '69, is chairman of the fund drive this year.

FOLK MUSIC MASS SLATED

The music of "An American Folk Song Mass" will be sung at the 11 o'clock service at St. James' Episcopal Church, Clinton, this Sunday, Dec. 4th. The combined choirs of the church will sing, accompanied by Robert Knight, John R. Greenwood Jr. '67 and David Bate Jr. '69, guitarists. The Rev'd John F. H. Gordon '50, Rector, will preach the sermon. The college community is welcome to attend.

The Folk Song Mass is the original work of a priest of the Episcopal Church, the Rev. Ian Douglas Mitchell. Bishop Gerald F. Burrill of the Diocese of Chicago said of the composition that "it is a significant expression of a deep need within the Church to express her worship in contemporary terms. However, this Folk Mass not only is contemporary but deeply devotional."

CAPITAL TOURS FOR FOREIGN STUDENTS

Foreign students planning to visit Washington during the Christmas holidays are offered local assistance by the Foreign Student Service Council of Greater Washington. Free assistance includes providing a schedule of holiday events in Washington, arranging for accommodations in reasonably priced hotels, a Christmas-season dinner with a Washington family and (for groups only) a guide for touring the Nation's Capital. To avail themselves of such services in Washington, interested foreign students should consult the Foreign Student Adviser and give the Council in Washington at least ten days advance notice.

HAWAII U. STUDY ANNOUNCED

Men interested in studying at the East-West Center at the University of Hawaii for the summer or post-graduate education should see Prof. C. B. Richardson in Root Hall for more details. Application deadline is Dec. 15.

POETRY PRIZE

The Academy of American poets is offering again this year an award of $100 to the Hamilton student who submits the best poem or group of poems, according to an announcement made today by English Professor Thomas McN. Johnston. The winner of the award will be determined by the English Department. Manuscripts should be submitted to Dr. Johnston's office before May 1, 1967.

HAVERFORD MAKES IT TOUGH FOR DRAFT BOARD

Of what use is the familiar "rank in class" evaluation of college students? Not much, according to officials at Haverford College, who recently announced that they would no longer maintain such lists.

In fact, they say, class rank is not only "imprecise" and "academically indefensible," but use of this criterion in Selective Service procedures is forcing draft-conscious collegians to sidestep courses which might be more educationally beneficial to them in favor of classes where grades are likely to be higher.

Officials here admit that the emphasis placed on class rank by the Selective Service system brought the issue to a head. But they quickly add that they have long been uneasy about an evaluation system that "compares the incomparable" and lets a tenth of a percentage point place one student ahead of another.

"The decision to abandon class ranking was made clearly and only for academic reasons," asserts President Hugh Borton. He cited instances where an increasing number of students have advised the dean that they were not taking certain courses because of an anticipated lowering effect on their class standing.

"It seems clear," concluded Dr. Borton, "that the fact that a student's numerical rank in class will be used to determine his draft status is interfering with the best selection of courses."

Dr. Borton contended that a student's choice of courses, within requirements for his degree, should be based "only on the potential intellectual value and interest of the course."

Further, said he, "such use of class rank places undue emphasis on a mechanical grading system which at best is a very imprecise tool." Dr. Burton said that he doubted anyone has the ability to interpret accurately information about rank in class, given the "tremendous diversity of our nation's colleges and universities."

In fact, contend officials, some graduate schools reportedly make upward adjustment in Haverford grades to reflect a more realistic appraisal of the college for comparative purposes.

In addition, pointing out that every class must have a "lower quarter," officials said they feared the emphasis on class rank is encouraging some "potentially fine students" to go to less competitive institutions.

The college said that its registrar will no longer prepare a class rank list for future classes. Inquiries will be answered with a statement that the college has abandoned numerical ranking. Haverford transcripts sent to other institutions will be accompanied by a detailed explanation of the college's grading procedures.

Dr. Borton said Haverford recognized that a student's transcript, containing his own record at the college, "is his property and that he may use his transcript in any way he chooses."

However, the official added, "Interpretative data which evaluates a student's record in comparison with other students at the college is not a part of his own record."

Oh, That Hamilton Cool- 'All-Embracing Apathy'

by JOHN GORDON

The senior class president and dean of Spectator *reporters takes a long, hard look at the "Hamilton cool."*—Ed.

"Oh the Hamilton Cool. The Hamilton Cool is just something that Bruce Sanford invented to fill up his newspaper." Of the many student opinions on what seems to be this year's most prevalent campus issue, that one is by no means the least common. That was Watson Bosler's; there are others.

Perhaps it's fitting for this relatively placid year at Hamilton that the newest controversy of any impact at all is also one of the oldest, and that some should continue to deny, as they have in the past, that there's any controversy at all.

Most faculty who've been connected with the college for any considerable length of time agree that what passes today for Hamilton Cool has been a part of college life since they can remember, and most agree as well that it has been most noticeably on the decline over the past five or ten years. Some date it from 1945, when the war classes came back from abroad and discovered how silly some of their fraternities were.

30 Years to Cool

"I've heard this criticism for 30 years," says Thomas Johnston of the English Department. "And I'd say with more justice then than now."

"We're a lot more intellectually alert now than 14 years ago," says Sidney Wertimer of Economics. His opinion is widespread. "But this doesn't mean we haven't got a way to go." And that opinion is widespread, too.

What precisely is the Hamilton cool? Nobody can say exactly. For the record, it was first discussed and christened at the Higby Club Conference this September.

But like a lot of sociological phenomena (which we'll have to admit it is) it is almost all connotative. It has to do with rolling three times a week, everybody agrees, and winging it on exams and drinking as a competitive sport. And almost everyone agrees it has to do with a masterful all-embracing apathy, especially to things intellectual.

Low Level

The Hamilton Cool, whatever it is, implies a relatively low level of intellectual stimulation, and there are many who think the condition is endemic to everything Hamiltonian.

Hamilton is small, one, isolated, two, and traditional, three. It is unfair to compare it with any large city university, and most students who have had a chance to compare it with any of the other small isolated traditional colleges such as Amherst or Williams have come back feeling, if not less parochial, at least less unique.

Wertimer carries it a step beyond tradition or situation. "What relative apathy exists is mostly due to the clientele we cater to," he says. "To grossly generalize, the main group comes from the upper middle class or around there . . . as a result you'll usually find not so great a range of contrasts as you will at a larger or more urban institution."

Are Hamilton students being blinded by their environment? "No. You can find all the problems on this campus that you can in the world." At the big city universities however "you are apt to find it more out in the open . . . Hamilton isn't all that principles, but there's a lot more of that than most people are willing to admit."

Many people, indeed, defend Hamilton's intellectual life as quiet, rather than suffocated. "There's a lot more going on here comment. Every week the Hamilton volunteers for Marcy State and Utica Tutatorial do their weekly business without fanfare; a fraction of their number carrying pickets will get several times the publicity.

The lecture program, in case you hadn't noticed, has picked up noticeably smarter, and some think they've been getting more sophisticated and generally informed as well. "I've noticed increasing evidence that boys here are reading more and more widely on their own, despite the rising accademic pressure," comments Mr. Johnston.

The Hamilton Cool, however irksome it may seem to some today, is universally agreed to be a pale shadow of what it once was,

Passed—lunch and afternoon blown, so who cares, tomorrow's another day . . .

remarkably at least according to the still small minority who attend lectures.

All the professors will agree that students have been getting when pledges carried their fraternity pins into the showers in their mouths and de-activation was as unthinkable as grinding.

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Babbitt Answers Queries on Kirkland Curriculum, Grading

by JOHN PHILLIPS

At the invitation of Hamilton faculty members, curious about Kirkland's curriculum, President Babbitt attended an informal faculty meeting at 4:15 Monday afternoon. Babbitt commented later that he thought the meeting went "smoothly" and that it "helped to further close communications between Hamilton and Kirkland."

Many questions arose from the controversial "Information for Prospective Applicants" that Kirkland released in September. Questions posed by our faculty primarily concerned core courses, plans for cross-registration, and Kirkland's grading system.

Water Down?

About core courses Babbitt said, "People often criticize generalization because they feel that interdisciplinary work will water down course material." In explaining the nature of the core courses at the meeting Babbitt said that Kirkland's freshman and sophomore students will be required to take a coordinated course in each of three divisions: humanities, social science, and science. Each division is split into subdivisions. Humanities has three: Literature, History, and Philosophy.

Babbitt gave the example of a student attending an hour presentation at the beginning of the week in the humanities and then attending two subsequent sessions held by a professor of one of the three subdivisions. A student interested in majoring in English would follow up the original humanities presentation by attending sessions held by a professor of literature.

Babbitt said that this interdisciplinary approach gives the student exposure to material of the core courses through professors trained in separate disciplines.

More Courses

Kirkland students may enroll in courses at Hamilton during their junior and senior years. Hamilton students will also be permitted to register in classes offered at Kirkland. In this way, a student at either college would have an expanded number of course offerings open to him.

Babbitt said that cross-registration will be at the discretion of the separate faculties. Presently, he would like to know what prerequisites Hamilton's faculty will require of a Kirkland student. He said, "I'm trying to urge a definition of prerequisites for Hamilton courses in terms of reading lists, syllabi, and concepts covered."

Kirkland's curriculum will be worked out in detail under the direction of the division chairmen, who will be hired soon according to Babbitt.

In the meeting, the faculty also asked Babbitt about his plans for a grading system. He told them that Kirkland will not issue grades to its students but will record them on a transcript that will be available to graduate

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Professor Nesbitt Notes Virtue Of Added Seminar Offerings

by RON AQUA

Many freshmen who come to Hamilton because it's small are a bit dismayed when they find themselves sitting in large lecture halls rather than small seminar rooms for most of their courses.

But if George Nesbitt, chairman of the English Department, could have his way, many more students would be taking courses similar in format to his department's English Composition 13-14 for two dozen selected freshmen.

Nesbitt, himself a Hamilton graduate, is satisfied enough with the results of the freshman seminar to extend the idea to his 19th-century English literature course and, hopefully, to other English courses as well.

"In large classes," says Nesbitt, "students are too seldom required to exercise their minds. The result, in some cases, is a type of brainwashing — students are always at the receiving end and are rarely called upon to use their own wits."

George Nesbitt

The limited extent of the seminar approach, at least in the English Department, is a result of

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Lang Raps Bookstore Policy

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"As far as getting books is concerned," "Mrs. Cameron said, "every faculty member is urged to submit lists of books and has for years, though it is not always possible to stock all the books they suggest. The bookstore committee suggested to me that we stock the whole Penguin series. Shortly thereafter I went through the Penguin lists and found we have many already."

No Point

"There is no point," she continued, "just because you have the room, to fill the bookstore up with anything. You have to be selective. It is not going to do any good to order every Penguin. We are not going to have great shelves of books for browsing which don't sell. It is not economical. We are not a library. We are a bookstore."

It is to this point that the committee takes the greatest exception. "Mrs Cameron's main misconception is that everyhting in the store has to 'move,'" thing in the store has to 'move'," committee member and Senate President Lang said. "This philosophy is opposed to everything we want the bookstore to be. The bookstore should not be very selective. It should be a mass of books so that a student can go in and browse."

Commenting on non-textual materials available in the bookstore, Mrs. Cameron said, "Light reading material is about fifty per cent of our sales. There is tremendous interest in poetry and drama at Hamilton, and there are very good drama and poetry sections in the store. There is very little here that the students have not asked for."

Complaints

"Many kids complain about the novelties we sell. Well, anytime we have the demand or the need for more book space the non-essential or non-booky things will be moved out of here."

As the bookstore is owned and operated by Hamilton College, the college absorbs all expenses and financial losses. This being the case, Mrs. Cameron commented, "I'd like to make enough profit before I retire to pay for the furnishings in this new store. I would at least like to see the store pay for itself."

Browsing

Lang commented that the "main objective of the manager of the bookstore should not be to make enough profit to pay for the new furniture but to provide students with the educational experience of being able to browse through a great number of books and purchase one he never knew existed, even if some of these books don't 'move.' Some selectivity has to take place, but not to the extent that the bookstore is 'selecting' now."

No Axe

Mrs. Cameron maintains, however that "we have no axe to grind, no profit to make, and no reason not to make this the store that everybody wants." Lang said that "there are, nonetheless, attitudes which stand in the way of making the bookstore a better one. Whether these attitudes can, or will be, resolved is a matter perhaps only time will tell."

Senate Censures St. John's U. for Faculty Dismissal

The Student Senate joined the ranks of an increasing number of other college student governments last Tuesday night in passing a resolution censuring the administration of St. John's University in Brooklyn.

The Senate unanimously agreed to condemn the much-criticized University "for those actions and policies of the administration . . . which have denied and continue to deny academic freedom to its students and faculty."

Dismissal Scored

Specifically, the Senate is censuring St. John's administration for its dismissal in December, 1965 of 31 faculty members who had expressed their discontent with some of the administration's policies regarding academic freedom.

In its resolution, the Senate recommended that the Middle Atlantic Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools require St. John's "to show cause why its accreditation by that organization should not be revoked due to its as yet unjustified dismissal of faculty and its abridgement of student rights, in flagrant abuse of the principles of academic freedom."

Association Meets

The Middle Atlantic Assoc. meets this weekend in Atlantic City, N. J. to discuss and vote upon such a motion. A suspension of accreditation, probably the worst blow a college can receive, would mean that credit hours and degrees from St. John's would no longer be accepted by graduate schools or many employers.

Boars

According to Lucretius, the experiment was made of launching savage boars agains the enemy.

High Prices

A few British economists now claim that inflation caused by labor shortages will bring about resultant high prices.

1. Is it true you're planning to get engaged?

I'm on the brink of giving Jane my Beethoven sweatshirt.

2. How are you going to guarantee security to your family when you're married?

I have a rich aunt, you know.

3. What about money for your children's education?

My Uncle Henry is very fond of me. He owns a steel mill.

4. Who'd pay off your mortgage if you should die?

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Last Word

After three years of student and faculty complaints, *Spectator* editorials, Senate committees — almost everything save for a boycott — the College Store remains virtually unchanged.

It persists as a gaudy emporium which should indeed be termed a "college" store, for it is not a "book" store. Smokers, penless students, and novelty card senders can find satisfaction there. But students who wish to browse through the aisle, looking for no book in particular but for some book which intrigues them, cannot. With the nearest good bookstore over 50 miles away, Hamilton's store should be a sort of abundantly-endowed intellectual feeding ground where students can broaden their appetite for learning. Sadly, it is not.

But all this has been said for some years now, most recently by Senate President Lang and his Bookstore Committee. Yet little changed. The fault seems to us to rest in part with Mrs. Cameron, the bookstore manager, and in part with the administration.

Permitted by the administration to make her own policy, Mrs. Cameron has made her primary objective not the service of students but the accumulation of money for the College's scholarship fund. Her reportedly impressive success as a businesswoman is almost incredible since she ignores almost every suggestion for improving the store's stock. But then, her gospel of wealth dictates that she be "selective" and "stock only those items which will move."

The *Spectator* can only wonder if the College could not acquire its scholarship money in a way which would be less harmful to students. For in failing to insure that the store has a well-stocked inventory of books on subjects of the widest possible variety, the administration has deprived students of an opportunity for intellectual discovery.

The trustee committee on student affairs seemed rather sympathetic to student appeals for a better store this October. Perhaps with their help and a renewed, firmer committment from the administration we will be able to have a section of the Bristol Center basement worthy of being called a bookstore.

Joy to the World

Lest the holiday season lull us into a sense of false security, it seems necessary to go back over the events of the past few weeks to determine who will and who will not be having a merry Christmas.

Although the Ecumenical Council absolved world Jewry from guilt in the death of Jesus, the United Nations does not appear ready to give up the fight. Although the U.N. is dedicated to peace, it seems that it is now operating under an Orwellian "All men must be peaceful, but some men must be more peaceful than others."

Yes, Mr. Goldberg, the Israeli Army did destroy a Jordanian village. But what in hell is it supposed to do about the Jordan-based terrorist raids that you have been ignoring for years? Put coal in the Israelis' stockings.

The West Germans get a new government for Christmas but will have to be careful if they expect a Happy New Year. The Social Democratic Party clearly settled for second best when it decided to form a coalition with the Christian Democratic Union and ex-Nazi George Kiesinger.

President Johnson will play Santa Claus to India with enough grain to stave off starvation for a few more weeks. With the Soviet Union, France, and several Commonwealth nations also taking part, aid to India has become an occasion for nations to work together. Those attending church over the holidays should pray that this will be an omen of the future.

Peace on earth and good will to all men will even extend to Vietnam — for a total of six days between now and the end of February. We suppose that during the peace breaks we will hear touching stories about American airmen bombing Vietnamese villages with toys and holiday goodies. And then two days later they will be back with the bombs and the napalm. Our government could make its position in Vietnam a lot more plausible if it waited for its enemies to make the first move after the Christmas truce.

But don't worry about it now. There are only 19 shopping days left until Christmas.

Frosh Excluded

John Pond showed Underground films at Sig Wednesday night. No freshmen came. The Rushing Committee said they couldn't.

Chairman Larry Karlin explained the Committee's decision: there were three reasons: "there was no reason why it had to be done at Sig," "it was especially close to exams," and the series was to go on "week after week . . . once would have been okay."

But, since freshmen are traditionally allowed to visit Alpha Delt for that house's Christmas play, the first two justifications certainly appear specious.

And, considering that Pond would have presented only three more showings at the most this semester, it seems that the Rushing Committee may possibly be afflicted with the Judiciary Board syndrome: tending to take itself too seriously.

It seems to us that innovative efforts such as Pond's should be helped, not hindered—especially in our too-often tradition-bound community.

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Mrs. Ethel Cameron, as she stood next to a large African carved salad dish —

"You have to be selective."

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Applications for 1968 Field Trip Now Available

The department of government sponsors two programs in Washington each year. One, the Washington field trip, takes fifteen students on the Hill for one week of meeting and interviewing government officials. The other, the Washington study group, provides several interested students with jobs during the whole of the second semester with the various departments and agencies in the Nation's Capital.

The field trip, which will take place during the first week of the second semester, will take fifteen juniors and seniors to Washington. There they will visit and talk with Senators, Congressmen, officials from the Department of State, the Pentagon, the Supreme Court, and lobbyists for various interest groups.

The fifteen who go must first be approved by the Academic Council, but they do not have to be government majors. There will be a meeting with Prof. Kenneth Palmer of the Government Department of all seniors and juniors interested in participating at 5:00 P. M. on Wednesday, December 7, in Root 26.

The Washington study group is offered by the government department in cooperation with that of Colgate University. The program will send several students to Washington for the second semester of their junior year.

In Washington, they will work for Congressmen or Senators and in some of the executive agencies. All of the places for the 1967 semester have been filled, and places for the 1968 semester are now open for application. Therefore, any sophomores who are interested in the program should see Prof. Richardson of the Government department, who is in charge of the Hamilton end of the program, and express their interest to him sometime before the Christmas vacation. According to Richardson, the basic requirement for going is a relatively high academic standing. The applicants do not have to be government majors, but they must receive clearance from the Academic Council.

In previous years, Hamilton has sent very few students to Washington with the program. It would seem that a program which offers credit and which costs about the same as a semester on the Hill would attract more people.

It is, Richardson said, "a program which provides a very important opportunity for students to combine experience in government with academic work."

Last year, two Hamilton men, Chris Koelbl and Paul Feigenbaum, went to the Nation's Capital with the program, Koelbl worked in the Department of State and for Cong. Fraser of Minnesota; Feigenbaum worked in the Agency for International Development and for Senator Pell of Rhode Island. Both men and Richardson will meet with any people interested in the program on Tuesday, Dec. 6, in the Bristol Center where questions about the program will be answered, and Koelbl and Feigenbaum will discuss their experiences with the Civil Service. Refreshments will be served.

Winter arrives in Root Glen.

Turn out the lights_____and on with the movees — folks.

Pond Screens U'Ground Flicks

A significantly small group of Hamilton's esoteric elite gathered secretly at the Sig House Wednesday night to experience three of the most courageous underground movies ever presented in Upper New York State. Pointed thrusts into Philistine life could be felt by any who could identify with the nine-year-old boy, the cute water color tableaus, or the 28-year-old transvestite. Technical difficulties marred an otherwise unentertaining evening.

Kaplan, Salinger, Updike, Koufax Added to Browsing Room Collection

The following 34 books have been added to the browsing room during November.

Bakal, Carl
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Conway, Alan
The Reconstruction of Georgia
Esterow, Milton *The Art Stealers*
Kaplan, Justin
Mr. Clemens and Mark Twain
Kerouac, Jack *Desolation Angels*
Lekachman, Robert
The Age of Keynes
Macmillan, Harold
Winds of Change
Malamud, Bernard *The Fixer*
Salinger, Pierre *With Kennedy*
Aitken, Jonathan
A Short Walk on the Campus
Audubon, John James
The Original Watercolor Paintings by John James Audubon for Birds of America
Brooks, John *The Great Leap*
Buechner, Frederick
Return of Ansel Gibbs
Clavel, James *Tai-Pan*
Fay, Paul Burgess
The Pleasure of His Company
Grady *The Adirondacks*
Hess, Stephen
America's Political Dynasties
Hyams, Joe
Bogie:the Biography of Humphrey Bogart
Jones, Elwyn
The Last Two to Hang
Koufax, Sanford *Koufax*
Marlowe, Derek *A Dandy in Aspic*
Murdoch, Iris *The Time of Angels*
O'Connor, Edwin
All in the Family
Oldenbourg, Zoe *The Crusades*
Petragis, Harry Mark
A Dream of Kings
Piaf, Edith *The Wheel of Fortune*
Renault, Mary *The Mask of Apollo*
Schulthess, Emil *China*
Sheed, Wilfrid *Office Politics*
Updike, John *The Music School*
Voigt, David Quentin
American Baseball
Waltari, Mika Toimi *The Roman*
West, Rebecca
The Birds Fall Down
Wilson, Edmund
Europe without Baedeker

Events of Interest

Kallet Theater: *The Professionals* with Burt Lancaster and Lee Marvin; 7:15 and 9:40 p.m.

Rialto Theater: *Dr. No* and *Goldfinger* with Sean Connery; cont. perf.

Stanley Theater: *The Fortune Cookie* with Jack Lemmon; 5:50 and 9:50 p.m., also *Ambush Bay* with Hugh O'Brien and Mickey Rooney; 8 p.m.

Uptown Theater: *Dr. Zhivago* with Geraldine Chaplin; 8 p.m.

Kirkland Art Center: *Wuthering Heights* with Laurence Olivier and Merle Oberon. Screen version of Bronte's novel. 7 and 9 p.m.

Charlatans Plan Two Productions In December

The *Tragedy of Tragedies or The History of Tom Thumb the Great* and *The Mock Doctor* are the December productions of the Charlatans at the Minor Theatre next Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday evenings, December 7-10. Both plays are by the dramatist-novelist, Henry Fielding.

Tom Thumb is mock heroic treatment of life at the court among the "well-born," who are presented as petty intriguers.

The Mock Doctor is an English adaptation of Moliere's *Le Medecin Malgre Lui* and is a parody of domestic life and of doctors. Fielding thus attacks the court and the medical profession in general in these two plays, each under an hour long. The plays are typical of the 18th century in using satire and farce in attacking and spoofing society of the times, not easily otherwise criticized.

Fielding presents to his audience the same sort of wit and penetration he later demonstrated when he turned his hand to writing novels. The characters in *Tom Jones* and *Joseph Andrews* do not lack the dramatic qualities of some of his best characters created for the stage. Indeed, Fielding only turned to the novel when Prime Minister Robert Walpole instituted the licensing acts for the theater (still in force in the United Kingdom) and refused him permission to have his plays produced.

Director Gerard Moses said the Charlatans will present *Tom Thumb* as 18th century "high camp." He is using blocking devices which will enhance a burlesque presentation.

For *The Mock Doctor* the Charlatans will turn to the vein of English Pantomime and produce the play in a manner equivalent to the American vaudeville.

No Jazz

The Jazz Weekend that has stirred up controversy in recent weeks has been cancelled. According to the Social Committee, the reasons center around lack of interest among students.

Other reasons professed by the Social Committee such as scheduling problems with freshman house parties, an innovation this year, and the Charlatans' production of "Tom Thumb" were given to explain the failure of Jazz Weekend to materialize.

House on the Hill

Sigma Phi

by Isaac Bickerstaff

Mornings are always the best. Our friendly chef, singing "The Eggplant That Ate Chicago" to the tune of "Deutchland Uber Alles" blithely two steps his way into the room, alternately bellowing "No food Monday! No food Monday!" He has his daily crises — like complaining that the toaster won't work because it isn't plugged in.

"House meeting will now come to order. Pond, your dogs have been defiling the carpets again."

"But they're just nervous."

"Nervous? They've been here for two months!"

"Eric, get out of that fireplace and quit chewing on the charcoal."

"Is it true that Heidi's puppies are going to look like Glennon?"

"Party time, happy time, goodtime — isn't it ever study time around here?"

"Ah, shut up and drink."

"Speaking of parties, ya been to any good ones lately?"

"Yeah, a few good Republican parties. Ya get it? Yuk, yuk, yuk."

"Hey, that's pretty good. You put the dog out?"

"Didn't know it was on fire!! Har, har, har."

"Let's go to the W. C. Fields film."

"Fellas, fellas, we aren't accomplishing anything."

"Yeah, just like the apathy club last year — we couldn't drum up enough interest."

"Meeting adjourned."

Our porch is very nice looking, even Mr. Parker says so. It looks like a cloister, obviously reflecting the studiousness of the brothers. The lack of automobiles outside is easily explained. They're all upstairs on our second floor road rally track. We never have parties in our basement, because the squash courts and swimming pool are down there.

If you want to join, you must have an income of $2,000,000 (after taxes) for the fiscal year 1967. Last year we graduated twenty Phi Betes in a graduating class of ten. We are prejudiced against Caucasions, Europeans, Asians, Africans, all religious groups, and anyone with the name Gordon. We are all Pinko Vietnik queers and Doctor Commie rats. We aren't really at the bottom of the academic standings, they just print the lists upside down. We wear tuxedos everywhere, even to the bathroom.

We are, in short, thugs with savoir-faire.

Q. E. D.

Hamilton Cool Appears To Be Fading-- 'We Are More Intellectually Alert'

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The students most concerned today with the question of Hamilton Cool are most likely the graduates of the Higby Lake conference, where the topic emerged as the main point of concern and set the whole thing off. *Spectator* Editor Bruce Sanford is one of these, and perhaps the person on campus identified most with the issue.

Sanford admits to some degree of evangelizing in the paper: "We've been trying to bring students to an interest in off-hill topics, usually by going through something relevant to the college. *On the Scene* or the political polls are examples." But he adds, "Our first duty is to cover the Hill. We're not going to put out a paper like Colgate, where five out of eight pages are on Vietnam."

Sanford also happens to be an Independent. One of the most sensitive questions about Hamilton Cool is how much the fraternities contribute to it. Every fraternity man is well aware of the Independents' reputation for generally higher grades (a matter of record) and intellectual interest (a matter of conjecture); there is an impression that, if the Independents are not exactly more intellectual, they are anyway less anti-Intellectual. "The record is unequivical," says Sanford. "Independents are generally more intellectually aimed than fraternity men as a whole."

Most people on either side feel there's some connection between fraternityism and anti-intellectualism, however conscientiously the fraternities may wish to avoid it. Few people are ready to actually blame the fraternities, however. "They're much more a result than a cause of the prevailing social atmosphere," argues one student characteristically; although at least one student (Independent) has replied that the same basic defense could be made of, for example, segregation.

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on the scene

New Underground: No More Bananas

by SCOTT VICKERS

About all that American audiences have come to grant Andy Warhol since the creation of his first Campbell's Soup can is the title of the Prometheus of American Subculture.

To the Hollywood movie-goer, his name is synonymous with pornography, perversion, sex-nausea, the Underground, the exploding plastic inevitable, and LSD. His movies are certainly seen, like stag movies, by dirty little audiences in dirty little Cinemateques in the dirty Bohemias of New York, Los Angeles, Chicago, and San Francisco. He is indeed, they say, a little . . . silly.

No Joke

Andy Warhol's new film, *The Chelsea Girls,* is quite different from anything he has done before. It is not an esoteric joke like many of his previous ones, such as the infamous *Empire.* Nor is it an effort to re-awaken a child-like fascination with the mundane, as were *Sleep* and *Eat.* And it is not a frustratingly long and lewd sexual allegory such as *Banana.*

Yet all these elements come forth in *Chelsea Girls.* It is a full documentary of a people who exist together in an anti-society full of drug-induced fascination, of homosexuality, and of bizarre discoveries and escapes.

Dropping in on Dropouts

Warhol's camera sits around with these people, watching, letting them laugh and speak, sometimes to the camera itself, and cry and "shoot up" and eat and lie in bed and hate and be jealous. They live, says Richard Goldstein in the *World Journal Tribune,* in "a Chelsea Hotel of the mind." But the people in this film actually live in the Chelsea Hotel, and were filmed in their own rooms there. They were not imaginary. They are the real Dropout Generation, not from the pages of any Burroughs novel.

Warhol splits his screen down the middle. This technique allows two scenes to be shown at the same time; both contrast and supplement one another. On the right hand side, at the beginning, an attractive blond snips her bangs in a featureless kitchenette. She looks at herself, smiles as though presented with a bouquet of roses, keeps on clipping.

The Family

A long-haired boy in a beach shirt, an effeminate face, makes coffee. They talk, about making coffee, about clipping bangs, about nothing. A beautiful boy, a beautiful girl, a beautiful child. The child. Is it theirs? Can this really be a *family?*

On the left another scene takes focus. The talk on the right is silenced, but she goes on in silence, clipping bangs. A young man in black wavy hair and a junky necklace is talking to a short-haired girl in sunglasses. She is Ingrid. He is the Pope of Greenwich Village.

"Why are you a Lesbian?"

"I am not a *Lesbian.*"

"Come on, dear, I have seen you."

"You should be ashamed," she says.

Truest Confessions

It is all mock. They both know it, but it's fun. She *is* funny, like Imogene Coca. And she is also a Lesbian. They go on with the "Confession." There is no script, but the dialogue is exceedingly witty, sometimes meaningful:

"My dear, you have no morals!"

"You're the one who has no morals, you faggot."

"Ah, but yes I do. Because I never break the promises I make to myself."

The first scene fades out, the family, and in its place is Bridget, looking like Shelley Winters sitting on a messy bed. The girl who is still confessing on the left is also in Bridget's room. She bares her bottom as Bridget throws a hypodermic into it. The audience cringes because it is a real needle full of real heroin. Bridget is too unattractive to get girls easily, so she offers dope. She is viciously jealous that Ingrid sleeps around. Warhol zooms in and out on eyes watching crotches and bosoms. Bridget talks to him. She says she doesn't care what she says or does because she hates the whole goddamn mess. She gives her telephone number to the audience. She is a very bitter, and very lonely woman.

In another room two men lie in bed, one in a bathrobe, the other in jockey shorts. The one in the bathrobe is emasculated, fondling and pawing the other. He is ruthless, like Bridget. When some of the lesbian crowd from next door comes in, his face twitches, and the "girls" make fun of him. Warhol zooms in on eyes and hands on the naked body of the other. Ingrid cuddles up to the bathrobed man. He is so afraid of her it is funny. She coos at him; he detests her.

Most of the people in *Chelsea Girls* live for themselves, unkindly; and yet they remain human in that they cannot live *by* themselves.But there are no human ties besides the physical, bedridden ones. They are ruthlessly in search of their own spirits, reincarnation of innocence, the "great oneness" entered mystically through consciousness expansion and identification. The "joyous cosmology" of within.

The Mystical One

Color flashes on the screen near the end, for the only part of the film which is obviously enhanced by the photographer. A young man, his face grotesquely lit in red, fancys himself in a mirror. He says he wants to be a drop of sweat, penetrating his own pores, or his hair sweeping across his back, feeling his own self. This is what Timothy Leary calls cellular awareness: a relization of and desire for the cosmos of the human senses.

"She [a religious woman] says she can read and understand the scriptures," he is telling the camera very carefully, "but I wonder if she can read what it means to be touched . . . here . . . or here . . . or what . . . she says she can talk to God but . . . can she know what it means to talk to herself. . . I wonder if she can talk to herself." He is sincere; he seems wise; he has a compassionate smile. He tours his own body with his fingertips. Colors throb against the background. Next to him on the screen and superimposed around him and through him are the rest of the Chelsea people. Warhol's symbolism — (the two sides of the screen have merged!) is brilliant and beautiful! The mystical One.

Not Actors, But People

You cannot deny this film. You cannot say that it is silly. Warhol has proven that he does not need actors and scripts to make a filmed statement about life. He has revived the documentary form, in trying to show us a new reality, a reality that is not the accepted norm. And because his people are real, we must believe him.

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per person which will be applied towards the last lessons. Students will be held responsible for paying for each lesson as they sign up. Those who wish to sign up should see Matt Foley, 203 Dunham.

The program is expected to last about ten weeks, and each student must take at least one lesson a week. Person for person substitutions will be allowed, but they are the responsibility of the student.

Physical Education credit for students on 5-6 who have been approved individually by Mox Weber will be given one hour per week.

'And so that's how's it's done.' Clinton volunteer firemen and ex-arson sleuth Sidney Wertimer explains the intricacies of Dunham's alarm system to Buildings Super Jack Letzelter (cowering behind door). Even though the frosh, including class prexy Geoff Precourt (gaping, left), were prepared for Monday night's fire drill, the usual confusion reigned.

Faculty Discusses Loyalty Oath but Evinces Little Concern

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and the AAUP, whose 80,000 members in 975 institutions represent about 30 per cent of the full time teaching faculty in accredited schools of higher learning.

There are 44 members of the AAUP at Hamilton, but the protest does not seem to have reached the Hill with much force. The professors here are either unaware of the protest or do not take the issue very seriously.

Professor George L. Nesbitt, who is head of the AAUP at Hamilton, said this week that the loyalty oath was useless and impractical. "Any loyal citizen does not need to sign an oath to prove his loyalty, and anyone who is not loyal can signthe oath as a matter of convenience. I think the whole idea is ridiculous, and I don't think anyone takes it seriously."

Robert Goff, instructor of Philosophy, who is also a member of the AAUP, felt that there might be justification for the oath at a state supported institution but not at a private institution such as Hamilton.

Not at Hamilton

"If I were teaching at a state institution I would be employed directly by the state and therefore would be obligated to support state regulations," Goff said, adding "but here at Hamilton I don't think the loyalty oath is justified."

Some of the professors were unaware that signing a loyalty oath was required at Hamilton. English Professor Thomas Johnston did not realize the requirement was in effect but felt that such an oath was in principle opposed to freedom of speech. "Even though we sometimes disagree with state laws we must obey them," Johnston said. "I do feel, however, that having to sign a loyalty oath is unwise in an educational institution and is a violation of freedom of speech. But I have never encountered any restrictions on my work while teaching at Hamilton."

Little Concern

Although there is little concern over the loyalty oath dispute at Hamilton, there is some disagreement as to whether the oath is justified at all. Dean Tolles sees no reason why signing the oath should be opposed to anyone's conscience, and he stated that Hamilton supports the position of the AAUP on academic freedom.

Nesbitt, however, said that the AAUP is opposed to the loyalty oath as evidenced by its recent court fight against it.

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Library Storage Of Rare Books 'Far from Ideal'

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piece of land down in Jamaica and build on it."

lection as a whole, Walter Pilkington said, "There are a considerable number of items worth a thousand dollars apiece."

Slow Damage

Facilities for the books, however, are far from ideal; rare volumes are slowly being damaged by worms and heat. "A rare book room," said Pilkington, "should be air conditioned so there is constant control of both temperature and humidity. Ours isn't. We also need a machine to inhibit the growth of bookworms."

The room is also overcrowded and unorganized. It's difficult to move around and to find things. Creating much of the clutter are shelves of books and papers having little to do with a rare book collection. It's a storage place for faculty publications and papers, funnybooks, yearbooks, and also for any material considered erotic or pornographic. ("We can't put that in our stacks," explained one library staff member, "or it would be devoured by the students.")

On Display?

Commenting on the need for a new treasure room, Pilkington said that it will be considereed in plans for the new library wing. In addition to equipment to preserve the books, Freudenthal said he would like to see a large room, like many other schools have, resembling a museum rather than a storage closet. "Many of the old books," he said, "are very interesting and beautiful and could be displayed, but with them locked in that little room on the second floor few people even know they're there."

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Can Grad Students Teach?

Bloomington, Ind. — "No facet of university teaching has been subjected to more criticism than has the widespread use of graduate students to teach large numbers of undergraduate students," says a report published here.

Is the criticism justified? Should teaching assistants be abolished? Not at all, says the report, "Growth and Change at Indiana University." It makes these following points::

Outstanding faculty members teach lower-level courses in many areas of Indiana University, especially in the sciences.

Many teaching assistants are mature persons who have had teaching experience previously, quite often at the college level.

There are some courses, particularly in the freshman year, where repetitive drills are important: Qualified graduate students can supervise this kind of learning as well as full professors.

There probably are other areas in which the subject matter can be presented most effectiely by junior members of the faculty who have special competence in a particular field.

A survey of student opinion at Indiana University showed that although a few teaching assistants were poor, there also were outstanding instructors in the group.

It would be impractical, and probably impossible, to teach the large numbers of students who attend Indiana University without the aid of teaching assistants.

The report of the self-study committee concluded that the services of teaching assistants are needed, and that the University has an obligation to train them as future faculty members. It urged, however, that better methods of training and supervision be developed.

All teaching assistants, the report said, should spend a few days in teaching seminars or formal briefings before classes start each September. Here they would be informed on the scope of the courses they are to teach, methods to be used, testing procedures and grade evaluations.

Babbitt Answers Faculty Questions

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schools should the student choose to apply.

In discussing the problem of grading cross-registered students, Babbitt said he thought professors should mark students in the usual manner and that the grades could then be interpreted by the other college. Under this system, students attending classes at the other college would have their grades adjusted by their own college.

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Coach Strives for 'Versatility' With Mostly Untried Mermen

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there has been in a couple of years, Volpe, Rinker, Ernie Wood, a sophomore, and a pair of freshmen, Don Younkin and Dick Cohen, are all swimming well. There will also be a freestyle relay.

The backstroke seems to be Hamilton's best single event, with Mohl and freshman Kent Brown representing the Blue. Dave Obersheimer and Dick Gratian have been rapidly improving in the Dolphin Butterfly, with Mohl providing back-up strength. The breaststroke is the team's weakest event, but the coach is optimistic. Junior Tony Howe, soph Ray Linder, and freshman Bruce Armstrong and Wils Mattias are all within seven seconds of each other, and MacDonald says they are all working hard, and he is hopeful that at least two of them will get their time under 2:40.

The team's hopes in the diving events were given a setback when it was learned that John Greenwood would be ineligible, but sophomores Chris Pastel and Phil McGlave and freshman Bill Alexander will do their best to pick up the slack. The trio is young and give the team long range strength in the event.

A final big word for the swimmers will be "five." The swimmers will have five tough meets between January 7 and February 18, upon which the success or failure of the season will hinge. In successive contests the swimmers will face R.P.I., Cortland, Union, Brockport, and Rochester. Last year's team was only able to beat one of these schools, Cortland, and that was by a narrow two-point margin.

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Mr. Wertimer feels the fraternity influence is over-rated anyway: "I don't think fraternities make all that difference here. That fight was fought when we adopted Total Opportunity. They are just not fraternities any more." Whatever the influence, the fact is that both fraternity predominance and professional anti-intellectualism have been on a marked decline over the past several years. Whether related or not, the correspondence of the two is striking.

Most people who recognize the phenomenon agree that it's on the wane; most agree, too, that it remains today a significant feature of campus life. Nobody has any shattering solutions to the problem, but people encouraged by the progress so far hope the college can continue to plod unspectacularly ahead.

Painting is a favorite art form.

Experience Lack May Hurt Cagers, Claims Patrick

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uation, and junior Bob Berger, who has just now adjusted from football to basketball and is hitting hi sstride. Completing the squad is junior Larry Olney.

"If we can get the boards and if the young fellows come through," Patrick concluded, "we can have a winning season; however, the schedule is against our achiev ing a record like last year." On successive nights the Continentals play Clarkson and St. Lawrence in the north country, then after a home Wednesday night game, the Blue travel to play Norwich and Middlebury back-to-back.
splendid, too. This is a picture

Besides these tough teams, the hoopsters play perennially strong Rochester and a home and home series with Union, which has all five starers returning from a team that beat the Blue 77-66 in hte final game last year. This year the schedule has been increased to 16 games with all of last year's opponents and a home game with IIthaca College, which is led by the 6'6" Gustafson twins.

Seasonal variations in temperature can be expected for the next three weeks.

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Nesbitt Sees Sound Curriculum, Awaits Writer-in-Residence

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the College requirement that all freshmen must take English Composition. The large course enrollment requires a large teaching staff and, according to Nesbitt, without more money class size cannot be easily reduced.

"The faculty-student ratio," he says, "is currently about 11-1. Since students generally carry a five-course load, the average instructor is involved with the education of approximately 55 students. That sort of teaching load makes it almost impossible to conduct all classes in small groups."

Although more money for a larger staff is desirable, he goes on, the administration cannot be criticized for dragging its financial heels deliberately. "A simple comparison of our endowment with other small colleges with which we often compare ourselves will reveal that Hamilton is in a much tighter financial situation, and does remarkably well with the funds it has available."

Effective Way

Nesbitt feels that despite the limitations imposed on the size of the English staff, the spectrum of courses offered to upperclassmen, with the division of subject matter by century, rather than by *genre*, is an efficient way of keeping English majors interested and occupied.

"Consideration of English literature by periods is by far the most practical method of instruction," he states. "Historical background, which is important in the study of literature, can be given all at once. The genre course can be inefficient; for example the amount of time required to read long novels limits the number of works that can be read in a "novel course."

"Studying different types of literature within a given period not only adds variety to an English program that doesn't offer a large number of courses, but also is generally more efficient with regard to the allotment of class time."

Question of Money

If more money should be made available, Nesbitt foresees the possibility and usefulness of *genre* courses for seniors. However, he stresses the fact that "this type of program is not at all urgent." The foremost concern right now is expansion of the seminar system, and concomitantly, the enlargement of the English Department.

Cross-Registration?

Nesbitt anticipates the strengthening of Hamilton's English program in at least two ways with the advent of Kirkland College. With the limited amount of classroom space available, there will be little "cross-registration" — girls will not generally be enrolled in regular Hamilton survey English courses. However, with an enlarged overall student body, specialized courses (i.e. such as the present courses featuring Chaucer and Shakespeare) could be set up without the possibility of being 'underelected,' which Nesbitt says is the main reason why such courses are not set up now. Furthermore, upper class courses can be enriched by the hiring of an actual practicing writer — "not a writer-in-residence who may not be interested in meeting students," says Nesbitt, "but a published and accomplished writer who is willing to teach."

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Swim Team Cited for Depth; All Ready to Take Plunge

by PHIL DERFLER

If someone wanted to characterize the swimming team in a single word, he would have several interesting possibilities.

The first word that would come to mind is "new." The 1966-67 swimming team will have a new coach and sixteen new faces, seven sophomores and nine freshmen. Only five swimmers return from last year's squad, which posted a 5-4 record.

Rookie coach Eric MacDonald brings an impressive set of credentials to Hamilton. In 1963 he graduated from Springfield College, where he was captain of the swimming team and a finalist in the New England championships. After a year as a graduate assistant in swimming, he coached at the Cambridge (Mass.) "Y" and last year was assistant varsity swim coach at Cornell.

MacDonald's training at Springfield has had an important influence on his coaching philosophy. He is a strong believer that all swimmers should be able to swim all strokes. In early season practice, he has had his swimmers warm up by swimming each of the four basic strokes, free style, butterfly, breaststroke, and backstroke. MacDonald hopes his emphasis on versatility will give him more flexibility once the season starts.

MacDonald will have to depend heavily on his new men, with only one senior and four juniors returning. Heading the list of swimmers from last year's freshman team is Rick Volpe. Volpe, one of the best examples on the team of the all-around ability coach MacDonald is striving for, has been swimming well in the sprints so far this season. It is likely that he will be called upon to swim three events this season.

Another word which could be used to characterize the swimmers is "Mohl." Bruce, a big junior from Tarrytown, N.Y., who can swim anything, has been breaking records ever since he came to Hamilton. Co-captain of this year's squad with freestyler Chuck Rinker, Mohl took fourth in the 200-yard individual medly last year in the NCAA Eastern Championships at Annapolis. He will also be called upon to swim in three events.

"Depth" will be another big word for the Blue, and perhaps a big problem. Eighteen swimmers and three divers will be spread rather thin over twelve events. There six freestyle events slated this season, which means a possibility of forty-seven points. Since it only takes fifty-three points to win a meet, MacDonald has put heavy emphasis on freestyle, and right now Hamilton seems strong in the stroke.

In the 1000-yard freestyle, Hamilton will have a pair of freshmen, Tom Midgley and Marty Sherman. The 1000, a new event this year, is the subject of a dispute between the NCAA Rules and Executive committees, and the event may yet be removed from the meet format. In the 500-yard freestyle, junior Bill Packard, who has been swimming well, sophomore Jeff Watts, and Midgley are vying for the two starting spots. Volpe, Bob Stephany, and Packard will be swimming the 200-yard free style, while in the 100- and 50-yard events, there is more depth than

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Blue Squash Club Faces Rochester

Hamilton College's Squash Club opens its season with a pair of away matches against Rochester, tomorrow, and against the Cornell Freshmen, Dec. 10. The team has a total of six contests scheduled, but Coach Mox Weber hopes to add more within the next few weeks.

Of the 21 players out for the team, six will make the trip to face the Yellowjackets. Leading the team will be junior Bob Moses, number one on the ladder, with Cal Brainard. Toby Thacher, Pete George, Phil Devenish, and Bob Horn completing the travelling roster. Larry Smith, who ranks number five at the college, has a bad leg, but should be ready for play soon.

The other scheduled matches are with Rochester Feb. 4, at Hobart Feb. 11, with the Cornell Frosh Feb. 18, and with Hobart Feb. 25. Weber is also hoping to arrange home and away matches with the Cooperstown Town team another possible "Y." Colgate is another possile opponent, but because the Maroon have only one court, both matches would have to be played here. An expected match with the Utica "Y" fell through with the dissolving of the Utica team.

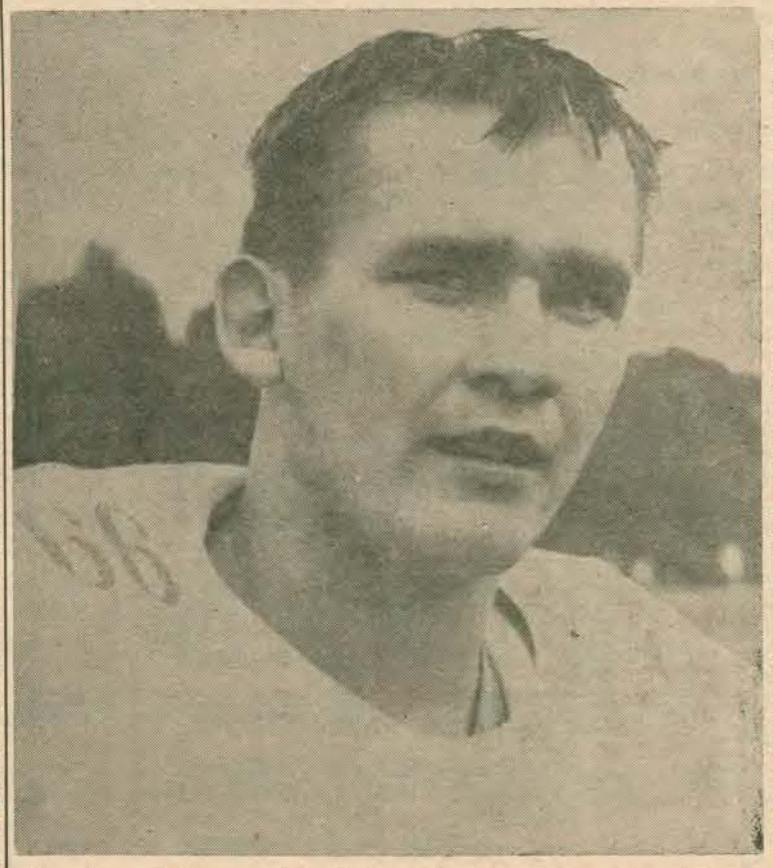
Although squash has only club status at Hamilton, Weber feels that any team that schedules intercollege competition should be run like a team, and he has regular practice sessions every afternoon. Participation in actual contests is decided by intrasquad play, with the top six players on the team competing.

Weber also would like to arrange some matches between his team and the Hamilton faculty, which, he says, has some "very good players" as members.

Player of the Year

E. C. A. C. Honors Siebert

by STU HOROWITZ



Hamilton College tackle John Siebert — co-captain; 5-time member, Division III weekly squad; member, 1966 Division III all-star team; 1966 Division III Player of the Year.

Hamilton College tackle John Siebert has been named E.C.A.C. Division III Player of the Year. The 215 pound co-captain from Newburgh, N. Y., holds the award along with one of the tackle positions on the Division III season all-star squad, and is the first Hamilton grid player to be so honored since Milt Jannone was named a little All-American in 1940.

Siebert clinched the award when he was picked to a weekly E.C.A.C .team for the fourth time after his performance in the Continentals' 30-13 win over Union, despite a severely sprained knee that had him in a cast three weeks after the end of the season. Siebert played the entire Union and St. Lawrence contests with both knees tightly taped, and was only able to go in on defense.

Best in 18 Years

Head coach Don Jones calls Siebert the "best lineman I've coached in my 18 years at Hamilton." John played both ways as a freshman, and has been an important part of the Continental line throughout his three varsity years. He is also a shot putter on the Blue track team.

Siebert's first E.C.A.C. honor came last season, when he was named to a weekly squad for his play against Haverford. He was placed on the all-star team this season for his performances against Rochester, R.P.I., and Wesleyan as well as for the Union game, and, most recently, was listed by the New York *Times* as one of the top pro prospects in Eastern small college football.

Majoring in mathematics, John has no immediate plans beyond graduate school. He eventually would like to teach in the field of business or educational administration.

Hockey, Basketball Open Here; Play Norwich, Hobart Dec. 3

Hamilton's basketball and hockey teams both swing into action tomorrow, with contests against Hobart and Norwich respectively. The varsity swimming team is at Harpur, and will swim its first home meet next Saturday.

The Continental skaters take the ice first, facing the Cadets at 3 p.m. in the Sage Rink with an eye toward repeating last year's performance. Hamilton notched its first win of the 65-66 season against Norwich, with Tom Wheeler getting a hat trick to lead an 8-3 romp. Jim Goodfellow and Bob Drummond each had two goals in that contest.

In their other meetings of last season, Norwich fell to the Blue sextet 5-2, as Hamilton took third place in the Amherst Tournament,, but rebounded to win 6-4 in a late season contest.

The Blue sextet will play at Vermont on Tuesday before returning home to play the University of Connecticut one week from today. Vermont beat the Continentals 7-2 last year, while U. Conn. is a new comer to the hockey schedule.

Hamilton's basketball team will take the courts at 8 p.m. in the Alumni Gym, following a preliminary contest between the Hobart frosh and the Blue JV. The Statesmen play their first game of the season tonight at 8:15.

Hobart will be hard pressed to replace their 6-7 center and high scorer, Arnie Sparks who graduated last year, but will try with a 6-6 junior, Bob Griffin. They may also miss Andy Rhoades, their 5-10 senior playmaker and leading returning scorer, who injured an ankle in a scrimmage against Geneseo. Rhoades will miss at least tonight's contest. Last year, Hamilton beat Hobart twice, by 70-61 and 75-68 scores.

The Continentals continue their home stand one week from tonight with a game against Brooklyn Poly. The JV hoopsters next see action this Wednesday against Morrisville at 8 p.m. in the Alumni Gym.

Cagers Have Three Lettermen From Last Year's 11-4 Squad

by TOM FRAWLEY

The Varsity basketball team opens its 1966 season tomorrow with a home tilt against the Hobart Statesmen trying to improve last year's 11-4 record. Coach Patrick feels the lack of experience may hurt the Blue as the only real experienced men are Co-Captains Bill Ernstrom, last year's high scorer and Don Root, last year's sixth man, and center Bill Hunnicutt.

Trying to pinpoint five starters was difficult, as Patrick admitted he could interchange almost 11 men without weakening the lineup at all. The tentative starting line-up is Hunnicut at center and, to help him clear the boards, outstanding freshman prospect Bob Voss will open at the forward opposite Ernstrom. At the guard slots will be Root and Jim Vaughn, who has impressed scrimmage rivals with his quick hands resulting in half court steals.

Patrick calls his second unit his "pressing unit," Patrick has each of them slated for specific individual duty if necessary.

Sophomore Brooks McCuen, last year's freshman high scorer, and junior Walt Daub have looked outstanding both individually and as a team and may be put in as a twosome to rest both Root and Vaughn, or put in individually as the team's sixth man. To replace the foul-prone big men, Hunnicutt and Voss, Patrick has junior Jim Brooks, who did not go out last year,. and sophomre Pete Schlid, who is a strong rebounder and a vastly improved shooter. Coach Patrick feels senior Bob Schulze may be the best shot on the team and he plans to use him to open up a defense which is keying on Ernstrom.

Rounding out this unit are sophomore Bill Barton, who has been hitting the boards hard and who Patrick likes in a clutch sit-

Ski Courses Slated On Colgate Slopes

Colgate University's newly improved ski slope will open with the coming of snow. The Colgate Outing Club provides ski instruction, and the DeWitt Sport Shop of Syracuse runs a rental service at the slopes.

The Colgate Outing Club offers an opportunity for inexpensive ski instruction to large organized groups. They have already made arrangements with Cazenovia and Morrisville for programs of instruciton.

In order to get a low rate, Hamilton must be able to provide enough students for thirty lessons a week. Scheduling of lessons will probably take the form of three ten-man classes per week. the afternoon or evening.

The cost of the program will be approximately $1.50 per student per lesson. This includes a period of instruction and a period of practice on the slopes. Students must provide their own equipment, and transportation will be arranged by class groups. Instruction on all levels is available.

In order to maintain the program, those who sign up will be expected to follow it through for the course of instruction. Students will be required to pay at least one week in advance of each lesson, and there is a $10 deposit

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